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(C) Following the GOU's decision to shut the UNHCR office (reftel), UNHCR's Protection Officer told Poloff that Chief of Mission Abdul Karim Ghoul has submitted a proposal to UNHCR headquarters suggesting that UNDP assume the office's responsibilities. The Protection Officer noted that UNDP's Resident Coordinator usually handles refugee-related issues in countries without a UNHCR office. The Protection officer added that she expects a response from UNHCR headquarters within the next three days.

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